

passports and approach the concerned Governments for evacuation and other assistance. However, the Government remains vigilant and prepared to extend all required assistance to the people of Indian origin.

[Translation]

#### Shipping Activities in West Bengal

3414. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the shipping activities on port situated in West Bengal likely to be closed due to decrease in the level of water in the Ganga River;

(b) if not, the number of ships loaded and unloaded at that port during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) the reasons for continuous decrease in water of Ganga and loading and unloading of ships thereof; and

(d) the scheme prepared by the Government for the development of this port?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of ships loaded and unloaded during 1995-96 and 1996-97 (April, 1996 to Feb., 1997) are given below :

	1995-96	1996-97 (April, 96 to Feb., 97)
Calcutta Dock	836	852
Haldia Dock	805	804

(c) The uneven distribution of flow during monsoon and non-monsoon periods of the year, constraints in storage development, and diversion of water for irrigation and other purposes during dry season without supported by storages cause decrease in flow.

(d) Calcutta Port Trust has prepared and number of capital river regulatory and dredging schemes which have been proposed for inclusion in 9th Plan.

#### Loading/Unloading on Ports

3415. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of major ports functioning in the country with locations thereof;

(b) whether loading and unloading on these port have been increased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the quantity of goods exported and imported through these ports during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(d) whether loading and unloading of goods in the said ports have decreased in the current year in comparison of last years; and

(e) if so, the names of such port and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : There are 11 Major Ports functioning in the country. The names of these Major Ports and their locations are given below :-

Calutta/Haldia	- West Bengal
Paradip	- Orissa
Visakhapatnam	- Andhra Pradesh
Madras	- Tamil Nadu
Tuticorin	- Tamil Nadu
Cochin	- Kerala
New Mangalore	- Karnataka
Mormugao	- Goa
Jawaharlal Nehru	- Maharashtra
Bombay	- Maharashtra
Kandla	- Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The loading and unloading on these 11 Major Ports has increased during the last three years. The quantity of cargo exported and imported through these Major Ports during the financial years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :-

#### Cargo traffic at Major Ports

(In million tonne)

Year	Import*	Export*	Total
1993-94	100.49	78.77	179.26
1994-95	113.92	83.34	197.26
1995-96	126.63	88.70	215.33

\* Import and export figures include Coastal traffic also.

(d) No, Sir, The total traffic handled in 11 Major Ports in the first ten months of current financial year was 185.00 million tonnes as against the 175.81 million tonnes handled during the first ten months of the last financial year.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Infrastructural Facilities in Tripura University

3416. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tripura has submitted any project for building up infrastructural facilities in Tripura University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Department of Education had received a project proposal of Tripura University seeking one time special Central Assistance of Rs. 20.52 crore for construction of buildings for academic and administrative departments, development of infrastructural facilities for the University complex and extension of academic curriculum. The Department of Education do not provide financial assistance to the Universities directly. Development assistance to the Universities is provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Accordingly, the proposal of Tripura University has been forwarded to UGC for appropriate consideration.

#### Non-Alignment Movement

3417. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have expressed firm commitment to building and revive the Non-Alignment Movement as an instrument for promoting peace, disarmament and development and for creating a "just world order";

(b) if so, whether the Union Government is considering to revive the foreign policy and also revive the NAM; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c) Non-alignment, implying independence of thought and autonomy of action, has been and remains a central element of our foreign policy. India, is committed to playing a constructive role, in cooperation with all other NAM countries, to enhance the role of the Movement. India would be hosting the XII Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries in New Delhi from April 7-8, 1997, which will inter-alia focus on the steps required for strengthening the Movement.

#### Compensation by United Nations

3418. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) have released funds towards compensation in respect of settlement of claims of Indians under 'B' category;

(b) if so, the quantum of the money and the number of claims for which the said funds have been released;

(c) whether any other Indian claims under other categories are still pending with the UNCC; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to settle the claims of Indians and Indian companies by the UN Compensation Commission at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) have released US\$ 700,000 towards compensation in respect of 183 category "B" claims.

(c) The other claims filed by individuals, corporate bodies and Government of India fall in "A", "C", "D", "E" and "F" categories. Though some of the Indian claims in category "A" and category "C" have already been approved by the UNCC, no funds in their respect have been received so far. None of the Indian claims in categories "D", "E" and "F" has been approved by the UNCC so far.

(d) Government of India's role in settling these claims is that of a "facilitator". When the U.N. announced the setting up of the UN Compensation Commission, the Government of India had advertised it widely in the leading national dailies advising the people concerned to file their claims as per the UNCC format and by a certain date specified by the UNCC. The applications thus received were sent to the UNCC, Geneva through the Permanent Mission of India in Geneva.

It is exclusively for the UNCC to examine these claims and decide their admissibility and the amount of compensation which the claimant is entitled to. The Government of India have been maintaining close liaison with the UNCC. It has made adequate arrangements for quick disbursement of funds through four nationalised banks.

[Translation]

#### Konar Irrigation Project in Bihar

3419. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA :  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Konar Irrigation project in Bokaro district of Bihar is in progress;

(b) if so, when the said project was under taken;

(c) the initial estimated cost as also the present estimated cost of the project;

(d) the sources from where funds have been mobilised for execution of the project and the quantum of funds received/released so far for this project; and

(e) the details of the progress made in the project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?